

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
SECURITY INFORMATION

ABSTRACT OF DOCUMENT BEING CROSS FILED			CROSS FILED BY
FILE NO.	SOURCE	DATE OF DOCUMENT	ANALYST
44-7-15-46	FJJ-200	21 May 1953	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
SUBJECT			DATE
Connections Between Rightists and Political Parties			9 Oct 1953

PERTINENT INFORMATION

Source: Magazine Article

Evaluation: B-3

The attached report is a translation of an article appearing in the May 1953 issue of the Japanese Magazine Jimbutsu Orai (Activities of Personalities). The nature and coloration of the magazine is not known; it does not have too large a circulation. While the magazine is available on the open market, this article by MUGINO Ippei (7796/6851/0001/0365) does contain a considerable amount of information of background interest on the connections existing between various Japanese Rightist and political parties and figures, and is forwarded for that reason.

The following excerpts are taken from pages 1 and 3.

MIURA and the Progressive Party

CROSS REFERENCE FORM	FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO. [REDACTED]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SECURITY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

FORM NO. 50-34  
DEC 1952

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

(2)(A) Privacy   
(2)(B) Methods/Sources   
(2)(G) Foreign Relations

Declassified and Approved for Release  
by the Central Intelligence Agency

Date: 2005

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
KODAMA in Possession of MISLEADING INFORMATION

SHIGEMITSU Maroru is closely connected with another former rightist, KODAMA Yoshio. KODAMA is a more orthodox rightist than MIURA; he is connected with AKAO Bin (6375/1442/2404) of the Kengoku Kai; KOSHIMA Masashi (1420/3113/2973) who was connected with the assassination of INOUE Junnosuke; and HISUMIWA Goro (5480/3113/0063/6715), who was connected with the assassination of IIN Takeo. KODAMA was the founder of the Forward Attack Unit of the All Japan Patriots Joint Fighting Council. He also attempted to assassinate Premier SAITO Minoru. Later he went over to China, formed the "KUDAMA Klan", and amassed millions as a rightist merchant. Immediately after the war's end, he remitted \$100,000,000 to Japan with the approval of the Finance Ministry and embarked on the development of tungsten and polythene mines in Japan. He has also set up two iron foundries in China. Part of the money which KODAMA brought back is believed to have gone into the Prince HIGASHIKUNI Cabinet. KODAMA became an adviser to the Prince HIGASHIKUNI Cabinet, along with OSARAGI Jiro and KAGAWA Toyohiko. Prince HIGASHIKUNI explained that KODAMA was recommended by Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU.

Now that, since the restoration of independence, all sorts of rightist activities and organizations have been revived, it is likely that the KODAMA-SHIGEMITSU combination will develop anew. And serious attention should be paid to the close connection between KODAMA and HATUYAMA Ichiro. HATUYAMA was recuperating at a hotel in Nihon last summer, reportedly at the expense of KODAMA. A building at the back of the hotel was said to be KODAMA's property.

In the midst of the mud-slinging strife between the YOSHIDA and HATOYAMA factions (TN: of the Liberal Party) over the re-election of three important officials of the party, HATUYAMA, MIKI Baidichi, HIROKAWA Kosaku, and MIURA had a meeting at KODAMA's residence. People said that they went there just to eat fish from the Tone River. However, the meeting is clear evidence of the growing intimacy between the conservatives and the rightists. At this meeting HIROKAWA apologized to HATUYAMA for his (HIROKAWA's) past connection with YOSHIDA. Then HATOYAMA, MIKI, and HIROKAWA shook hands. Their close connection will increase in the near future.

The recent animation in the rightist camp is due to increasing preparations for rearmament and criticism of Occupation policy. But there are no more "big wheels" in the rightist camp; MIURA and KODAMA are the only remnants. The spectacular show they are putting on in dealing with HATUYAMA, MIKI and HIROKAWA is conclusive proof of expansion in the rightist camp.

The rightists are now seriously considering a "coalition cabinet" of MIURA and KODAMA. This does not mean that they would actually be in the Cabinet; rather it means a conservative coalition cabinet to be formed by HATUYAMA and SHIGEMITSU with the support of KODAMA, and by HIROKAWA and MIKI with the support of MIURA in order to step up rearmament. It is widely speculated that there will be a Progressive-HATOYAMA-Liberal coalition cabinet after the general election. Indeed the Progressives' policy is so close to that of the Liberal (Traditional Liberal) that it gives the impression of agreement. The only difference is that the Progressives call for the creation of a self-defense army without violating the Constitution while the HATOYAMA party is sponsoring Constitutional revision to create a split-politics army. SHIGEMITSU is quoted as saying "I hope that HATOYAMA's democratic League will agree with our party's policy." And it is noted that recently it is believed that even if the Progressives do not form a government, the HATOYAMA-Liberal Party and the Progressive Party will form a coalition cabinet after the general elections.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
SECURITY INFORMATION

Certainly a MIURA-HIROKAWA coalition is a possibility. There is no doubt that they will act along this line. They also contemplate developing the connection between the Progressives and the Liberals into the creation of a new conservative party composed of SHIGEMITSU (President), HATUYAMA (Honorary President), and MIJI Ichiro, HIROKAWA Kosen, OSAKA Tadao, and ASHIDA Ritoshi (officials).

It is not known whether this plan was originated by orthodox politicians like HATUYAMA, MIJI, HIROKAWA and SHIGEMITSU and then backed by MIURA and KODAMA or was shaped up by MIURA and KODAMA. The question of chicken or egg coming first is irrelevant; they are the same thing. The same is true of the relations between the rightists, the Progressives and HATUYAMA.

KODAMA Yoshio

Pg. 6

KODAMA was an adviser to the Prince HIGASHIKUNI Cabinet after the end of the war. Subsequently he was arrested as a Class A War Criminal. After his release, he will be published a book entitled "Inside and Outside of Politics and Society". His name is off the public eye. However the people consider him neither a leftist nor a militarist. His son recently came to the U.S. again in connection with HATUYAMA Ichiro and HIROKAWA. Once HATUYAMA met HIROKAWA at KODAMA's residence in Kyushu, and used to MURAI. KODAMA has been exploiting skillfully such "big wheels" as HIROKAWA, SHIGEMITSU, and HIROSEIWA.

KODAMA's flexibility, strong character, and talent have general admiration. He stated as follows in his book, [Never Defeated]:

"I entered the Kenmin Kai at the age of 19 in 1929 (and fought against) Communism. At that time the Kenmin Kai planned to make an appeal direct to the Emperor in opposition to the newly formed Labor-Farmer Party. I promptly agreed to their plan and accepted the mission to put it into practice.

"On November 29, I brought an appeal direct to the Emperor on his way to Meiji Shrine. Then I was held in the Ichigaya Prison on the charge of militiaman. The Petition Law and sentenced to a 6-month imprisonment, and then transferred to Utsunomiya Prison. I was released from there in 1930 and again joined the Kenmin Kai."

"In October 1931, I joined the Kenmin Kai, and the following to say about KODAMA: KODAMA is a man of great pride and a man of few personal ties. In the midst of the Kenmin Kai many individuals blamed and called out of the Kenmin Kai, but KODAMA remained unshaken and got his head and hand cut off."

"The Kenmin Kai had KODAMA in those days and a straightforward person who would not be afraid to assassinate people. He would not be afraid to do such things as to blow up the Diet Building (Gosho). I think that he was a man of great character and a man of great ability. He was a man who could be relied upon through thick and thin."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
SECURITY INFORMATION

Pg. 7

In those days the Army and bureaucracy used to use such rightists for continental operations. They referred to him as an interesting, useful man because of his attempted assassination and direct appeal to the Emperor. As soon as he was freed from jail, KAWAI Tatsuo (3109/0064/6671/1133), Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Foreign Ministry, gave KODAMA \$3000 and told him to make a trip to China.

After KODAMA went to China he was engaged in special operations for Vice Consul IWAI. His monthly salary at that time was \$500, which was high for an ordinary salaried employee. No wonder he could not easily quit that job.

The special operation paying \$500 monthly was to insure the personal safety of WANG Chao-ning (3076/0340/6900). He was just like KOMDO Isamu toward the closest of the Shogunate.

KODAMA had more talent than any other rightist, which he could use to equal the success attained by HATOGAMI and HIROOKA. He possessed a special talent for raising funds. He was not just a simple man, but a smart businessman. Just before the Pacific War, KODAMA spoke to Lieutenant General IWAIKA, Commanding Officer of Air Force Headquarters, of the necessity of establishing an organization to purchase war materials from the interior of the continent, and the Kodama Kikan was authorized.

The KODAMA Kikan purchased various metals, machinery, equipment, Korean carrots, and oranges, etc., and did business in them on a small scale. A boat of not more than 100 tons carried the goods on the Chako River. But great profits were made, and the assets of KODAMA at the war's end was equivalent to approximately \$3,200,000,000; this was for the most part confiscated by the Chinese Army.

The balance of \$3,900,000 deposited in Japan was contributed to schools and scholarly associations. Even then KODAMA still had considerable assets left. It is said that he was given a grant of about \$400,000 by the Occupation Forces, for tipping them off about radium buried at the residence of TSUJI Haroun (71929/0857/0362). The profits were also said to have been derived from business which he has had with TSO Pehan-lung (0146/3763/7893) on the strength of a \$150,000,000 loan from the Tokyo Trust Bank. It is not known which story is true, but the fact that HATOGAMI and HIROOKA are still under KODAMA's control would indicate that he still has funds. Rumor also has it that KODAMA arranged the HIROOKA-HATOGAMI conference to force HATOGAMI silent, over which he could take money, or to get fund donations from.

It is his mission to start a new political party. In any event, KODAMA is moving in the right of maturity with his own intelligence and talent.

END OF THIS PAGE

THIS IS ALL INFORMATION PERTINENT  
TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT

CROSS REFERENCE FORM	FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO. <span style="text-align: center;">7</span>
SECURITY INFORMATION	

FORM NO. 59-34  
DEC 1952

(13)